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SUBJECT: SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION UNGA: FOLLOW-UP

REF: TOKYO 6845

1. DETAILED AIRGRAM SUMMARIZING EVENTS AND CONCLUSIONS
REACHED AT UN SPECIAL SESSION FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION WILL
BE SENT SHORTLY.

2. SPECIAL SESSION ADOPTED A SPECIAL PROGRAM WHICH PRO-
VIDED FOR AN EMERGENCY OPERATION UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL
WITH AIM OF MAINTAINING UNIMPAIRED ESSENTIAL IMPORTS FOR
COMING 12 MONTHS FOR MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES.

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CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH BILATERAL AND

MULTILATERAL CHANNELS WITH INDICATION OF LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED BY 15 JUNE 1974. SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS OPENED AN ACCOUNT TO ACCEPT CASH DONATIONS. RAUL PREBISCH (ARGENTINA--FORMER HEAD OF UNCTAD) HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY SYG AS UNDERSECRETARY TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE AND POSSIBLY UNDERTAKE RELATED TASKS.

3. UNGA ALSO DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND AND AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF 36 MEMBER STATES TO: (A) RECOMMEND SCOPE MACHINERY AND MODE OF OPERATION; (B) MONITOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MEASURES TO ASSIST MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES PENDING COMMENCEMENT OF

OPERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL FUND, I.E., 1 JANUARY 1975; AND (C) TO ASSESS DIFFICULTIES OF AND NEED FOR ASSISTANCE TO MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES.

4. WITH RESPECT TO SPECIAL FUND (PARA 3) US OPPOSED THIS VEHICLE FOR RELIEF PURPOSES BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER REASONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A NEW MECHANISM WILL TAKE SO LONG AND WE QUESTION WHETHER IT WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE ADEQUATE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE. WE PREFER USE OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS. THIS POSITION NOT LIKELY TO BE CHANGED UNLESS DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL FUND GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO US COULD BE AGREED BY AD HOC COMMITTEE OF WHICH US NOW MEMBER. US WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE WITH BILATERAL PROGRAMS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTILATERAL AGENCIES HOPEFULLY TO INCLUDE IDA IV REPLENISHMENT.

5. WITH RESPECT TO EMERGENCY PROGRAM (PARA 2) FOR WHICH PREBISCH HAS RESPONSIBILITIES, US CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PROBLEM FALLS ON OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE OBLIGATION TO EASE BURDEN BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN GRANT FORM TO DEGREE POSSIBLE OR BY LOWER OIL PRICES GENERALLY. US IS NOW EXAMINING CAPACITY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AID WHERE MOST NEEDED. OUR NEED TO HOLD CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ASSISTANCE POSSIBILITIES PRECLUDES ANY DETAILED RESPONSE TO THE SYG BY 15 JUNE. BROWN
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